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TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN

SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA POSTPONES RED CROSS MEETING

REF: (A) SEOUL 3252 (B) SEOUL 3874

1. NORTH KOREA SENT HOT LINE MESSAGE TO SOUTH JUNE 9 UNILATERALLY POSTPONING "UNTIL LATE JULY" THE WORKING LEVEL RED CROSS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12. ACCORDING TO PYONGYANG RADIO, NORTH'S MESSAGE CITED ANTICOMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN SOUTH AS REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT.

2. SOUTH SIDE ISSUED STATEMENT JUNE 10 ANNOUNCING THAT PYONGYANG HAD "VIRTUALLY SUSPENDED" THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE. SOUTH RED CROSS SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HIS SIDE HAD SENT A HOT-LINE MESSAGE TO NORTH USGING PYONGYANG TO PROPOSE A NEW DATE FOR THE MEETING RATHER THAN VAGUELY STATING IT COULD BE HELD IN JULY.

3. COMMENT: NORTH'S ACTION IS IDENTICAL TO ITS EARLIER MOVE IN POSTPONING COORDINATING COMMITTEE CONTACT UNTIL JULY (REF B), AND WITH BOTH CHANNELS OF DIALOGUE NOW IN INDEFINITE SUSPENSION, SITUATION IS SIMILAR TO THAT
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CREATED BY NORTH IN AGUST 1973. WHILE CURRENT SUSPENSION

MAY BE DUE TO KIM IL-SONG'S ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY, RESUMPTION
OF DIALOGUE MAY ALSO DEPEND ON NORTH KOREAN FORTUNES IN
UNGA, AS WAS APPARENTLY THE CASE TWO YEARS AGO.
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